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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. *(Currently amended)* An adapting element for at least one programmable electronic holder, the adapting element having a surface size larger than that of all the programmable electronic holders, the programmable electronic holder being arranged to be personalized in a personalization machine, the adapting element being of a size to enable it to be received by the personalization machine, the size of the adapting element enabling the adapting element to be driven in the personalization machine including a transportation system for transferring the adapting elements to a plurality of personalization stations, the adapting element being of a size to enable it to be received by the personalization machine, the size of the adapting element enabling the adapting element to be moved on the transportation system, the adapting element including (a) a housing having a shape and size to house and hold in place at least one of the programmable electronic holders of a given size and shape, (b) a receiver arrangement for enabling the adapting element to receive personalization data from a personalization device of the personalization machine via a contact or contactless link, and (c) a transmitter arrangement for enabling the adapting element to transmit said personalization data to the at least one programmable electronic holder via a contact or contactless link..

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2. *(Currently amended)* The adapting element according to claim 1, wherein the transmitter arrangement is-includes at least one holder connector, able to -hold in place at least one programmable electronic holder, and electric or optical links, ensuring a link between the holder connector and the receiver arrangement.

3. *(Currently amended)* The adapting element according to claim 1, wherein the transmitter arrangement is-includes an antenna which allows the adapting element to communicate via a contactless link with the programmable electronic holder, the antenna being connected to the receiver arrangement and arranged opposite at least a portion of the programmable electronic holder comprising an antenna.

4. *(Currently amended)* The adapting element according to claim 3, wherein the antenna is connected to the receiver arrangement includes an electronic card containing having components for managing communication between the adapting element and the programmable electronic holder.

5. *(Currently amended)* The adapting element according to claim 1, wherein the receiver arrangement is-includes an antenna, for enabling the adapting element to communicate via a contactless link with the personalization device of the personalization machine.

6. *(Currently amended)* In combination, a plurality of identical adapting elements according to claim 1, each of each adapting element being for at least one programmable electronic holder, each adapting element having a surface size larger than that of all the programmable electronic holders, the programmable electronic holder being arranged to be personalized in a personalization machine, each adapting element being of a size to

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enable it to be received by the personalization machine , the size of each adapting element enabling each adapting element to be driven in the personalization machine, each adapting element including (a) a housing having a shape and size to house and hold in place at least one of the programmable electronic holders of a given size and shape, (b) a receiver arrangement for enabling each adapting element to receive personalization data from a personalization device of the personalization machine via a contact or contactless link, and (c) a transmitter arrangement for enabling each adapting element to transmit said personalization data to the at least one programmable electronic holder via a contact or contactless link, each of the adapting elements being in a multipurpose personalization machine for personalized programmable electronic holders, the personalization machine including:

an unstacking system to unstack the adapting elements from an input hopper and a stacking system to stack adapting elements in an output hopper, the input hopper and the output hopper being combined or constituting separate components,

an insertion system to insert the programmable electronic holders in the adapting elements at the start of operation of the personalization machine, and a removal system to remove the programmable electronic holders from the adapting elements at the end of operation of the personalization machine,

a driving system to drive the adapting elements including the programmable electronic holders and causing the adapting elements to transit through the personalization machine, and

a personalization device comprising a communication system between a database for supplying the personalization data and the programmable electronic holders via the

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adapting elements to enable personalization of the programmable electronic holders by programming the personalization data.

7. *(Previously presented)* The combination according to claim 6, wherein the driving system includes a tape or belt.

8. *(Previously presented)* The combination according to claim 6, wherein the driving system includes a revolving disk.

9. *(Previously presented)* The combination according to claim 6, wherein the insertion and/or removal systems for the programmable electronic holders and/or the stacking system and/or unstacking systems for the adapting elements are manual.

10. *(Previously presented)* The combination according to claim 6, wherein the personalization device of the personalization machine includes a cylinder, wheel or linear elevator comprising a plurality of connectors for connecting with contact lugs of the adapting elements.

11. *(Previously presented)* In combination, a plurality of identical adapting elements, each of the adapting elements being in a multipurpose personalization machine for personalized programmable electronic holders, each of the adapting elements having a surface size larger than that of all programmable electronic holders to be personalized and meeting the size accepted by a personalization machine, the adapting element including (a) a housing of adapted shape and size to house and maintain at least one programmable electronic holder, (b) a receiver arrangement for enabling the adapting element to receive personalization data from a personalization device of the personalization machine via

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contact or contactless link, and (c) a transmitter arrangement for enabling the adapting element to transmit said personalization data to the programmable electronic holder via contact or contactless link, the personalization machine comprising at least:

an unstacking system to unstack adapting elements from an input hopper and a stacking system to stack adapting elements in an output hopper, the input hopper and the output hopper possibly being separate or not,

an insertion system to insert programmable electronic holders in the adapting elements at the start of operation of the personalization machine, and a removal system to remove the programmable electronic holders from the adapting elements at the end of operation of the personalization machine,

a driving system to drive adapting elements including programmable electronic holders and causing the adapting elements to transit through the personalization machine, and

a personalization device comprising a communication system between a database for supplying the personalization data and the programmable electronic holders via the adapting elements to enable personalization of the programmable electronic holders by programming the personalization data.

12. (*Previously presented*) The combination according to claim 11, wherein the driving system includes a tape or belt.

13. (*Previously presented*) The combination according to claim 11, wherein the driving system includes a revolving disk.

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14. *(Currently amended)* The combination according to claim 11, wherein at least one of the insertion and/or removal systems for the programmable electronic holders is respectively arranged to provide manual insertion and removal, and at least one of the stacking system and unstacking systems for the adapting elements is respectively arranged to provide manual stacking and unstacking.

15. *(Previously presented)* The combination according to claim 11, wherein the personalization device of the personalization machine includes a cylinder, wheel or linear elevator comprising a plurality of connectors for connecting with contact lugs of the adapting elements.

16. *(Currently amended)* An adapting element for a personalization machine comprising a transportation system for transferring the adapting elements to a plurality of personalization stations, each to enable personalization of programmable electronic holders, the adapting element having a surface size larger than that of all of the programmable electronic holders to be personalized and being of a size (a) to enable the adapting element elements to be received by the personalization machine, and (b) to enable the adapting element elements to be driven in moved on the transportation system of the personalization machine, the adapting element including: (a) a housing having a shape and size to house and hold in place plural programmable electronic holders of different given sizes and shapes at different times, (b) a first contact or contactless communication device for enabling the adapting element to receive personalization data from a personalization device of the personalization machine, and (c) a second contact or contactless communication device for enabling the adapting element to transmit said

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personalization data to the at least one programmable electronic holder for enabling personalization of the programmable holders.

17. (Currently amended) The element according to claim 16, in combination with a system including the personalization machine and a driving system, the driving system including a tape or belt for driving plurality of the adapting elements to and from the personalization device, a tape or belt for driving.

18. (Currently amended) The element according to claim 16, An adapting element for a personalization machine to enable personalization of programmable electronic holders, the adapting element having a surface size larger than that of all of the programmable electronic holders to be personalized and being of a size (a) to enable the adapting element to be received by the personalization machine, and (b) to enable the adapting element to be driven in the personalization machine, the adapting element including: (a) a housing having a shape and size to house and hold in place plural programmable electronic holders of different given sizes and shapes at different times, (b) a first contact or contactless communication device for enabling the adapting element to receive personalization data from a personalization device of the personalization machine, and (c) a second contact or contactless communication device for enabling the adapting element to transmit said personalization data to the at least one programmable electronic holder, the adapting element being in combination with a system including the personalization machine and a driving system, the driving system including a revolving disk for driving a plurality of the adapting elements to and from the personalization device.

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19. *(Currently amended)* An adapting element for a personalization machine to enable personalization of programmable electronic holders, the adapting element having a surface size larger than that of all of the programmable electronic holders to be personalized and being of a size (a) to enable the adapting element to be received by the personalization machine, and (b) to enable the adapting element to be driven in the personalization machine, the adapting element including: (a) a housing having a shape and size to house and hold in place plural programmable electronic holders of different given sizes and shapes at different times, (b) a first contact or contactless communication device for enabling the adapting element to receive personalization data from a personalization device of the personalization machine, and (c) a second contact or contactless communication device for enabling the adapting element to transmit said personalization data to the at least one programmable electronic holder, the adapting element being The element according to claim 16, in combination with (a) the personalization machine, (b) a system for driving a plurality of the elements to and from the personalization device, (c) a system for inserting the elements on the driving system, (d) a system for removing the elements from the driving system, (e) a system for stacking the elements on the driving system, and (f) a system for unstacking the elements from the driving system, at least one of the systems (c), and (d) being respectively arranged for manual insertion and removal of the elements, at least one of the systems (e) and (f) being respectively arranged for manual stacking and unstacking of the elements.

20. *(Currently amended)* An adapting element for a personalization machine to enable personalization of programmable electronic holders, the adapting element having a surface size larger than that of all of the programmable electronic holders to be

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personalized and being of a size (a) to enable the adapting element to be received by the personalization machine, and (b) to enable the adapting element to be driven in the personalization machine, the adapting element including: (a) a housing having a shape and size to house and hold in place plural programmable electronic holders of different given sizes and shapes at different times, (b) a first contact or contactless communication device for enabling the adapting element to receive personalization data from a personalization device of the personalization machine, and (c) a second contact or contactless communication device for enabling the adapting element to transmit said personalization data to the at least one programmable electronic holder, the adapting element being ~~The element according to claim 16, in combination with the personalization machine, the personalization device of the personalization machine including (a) a cylinder, wheel or linear elevator for carrying a plurality of the elements at one time , and (b) a plurality of connectors for connecting with contact lugs of the adapting elements.~~